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Dear City Council Members and staff,
Thank you for discussing potential updates to the City zoning codes that would increase Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure throughout the City at your Council meeting yesterday. We strongly support city policies that help people transition from fossil fuel to clean electric cars, improving air quality and helping our community become more sustainable.

We support and appreciate the staff proposal to extend the recent M2 zoning requirements for EV Charging Infrastructure (EVCI) for new developments citywide, to streamline the requirements, and to increase the amount of new parking required to be "pre-wired" for chargers and the percent of new parking required to have chargers installed.

We recommend that 10% percent of new parking be required to have chargers installed similar to the recent City of Fremont policy. This is slightly higher than the current staff proposal, but could be accomplished at no additional cost. Please see the attached summary of city EV Charging policies for background information (note that this is an excerpt of a PAEC draft document on city best practices). In addition, we would be happy to work with any developer, business, or multi-family building owner to assist them in accessing the many grant programs that cover EVCI costs and the vendors who offer free charger installations.

We commend the City for its leadership on sustainability and green building measures. To further support EVs in Menlo Park, additional policies and programs could be considered to streamline permitting for home EV chargers, collaborate with multi-family building owners and employers to access free (or nearly free) PG&E chargers, and consider an *EV First* policy for city fleets. We look forward to working with staff and the Environmental Quality Commission to support all of these efforts.

Sincerely,
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